

## **The Forgotten History Of Nursery Rhymes**

**Have you ever thought of the history of nursery rhymes, how they came to be?**

**Do you think these are unharfull sayings, that have no background, and are always appropriate to share with the young ones.**

**Listen carefully while I share with you the true story of these well known versus, what happened and why it happened.**

**I will start with three blind mice,**

**Three blind mice, three blind mice,**

**See how they run, see how they run,**

**They all ran after the farmer's wife,**

**Who cut off their tails with a carving knife,**

**Did you ever see such a thing in your life,**

**As three blind mice?**

**This well-know rhyme is based on the true story of King Henry and his 8th catholic daughter, Queen Mary.**

**The three blind mice were three noblemen, who got, not blinded as said in the rhyme, but burnt alive at the stake, this happened because they spoke words that were against the queens faith.**

**Another nursery rhyme is...**

**Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water**

**Jack fell down and broke his crown**

**And Jill came tumbling after.**

**King Louis the 16th, also known as Jack, got beheaded by the community because of his unfairness between the rich and poor, in the rhyme it says Jill came tumbling after, which means Queen Marie, the wife of King Louis, also got beheaded for her unfairness.**

The real rhyme to ring a ring a Rosie goes like this,

Ring around the rosy

A pocketful of posies

"Ashes, Ashes"

We all fall down

This rhyme is about a bubonic plague, also known as the Black Plague, about 75 to 200 million people died during the disease, it was known as one of the most devastating spreading sicknesses.

From beheading, hanging, burning and diseases, not one of those words sound pleasant, and this what is being hammered into children's brains from the age one. I think there should be second thoughts to the teaching of nursery rhymes. The three rhymes I told you about, are not the only ones with harsh history, so are they really appropriate for kids, should they be said at bedtime, my opinion, NO!

There are two questions that need to be answered, How are these versus right for children and how did they become nursery rhymes, that is something to think about.

Therefore I am against the teaching of nursery rhymes, and I hope you understand that there is always more to what you think there is.

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